

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-1161**

**Harrison Rider House**

**1812 Landrake Road**

**Baltimore, Baltimore County**

**1870 ca.**

**Private**

The Harrison Rider House, constructed circa 1870 on land previously occupied by the Rider family, dates to a late 19th century period of growth in the Riderwood community and to a period of suburban expansion that impacted the village during the first decades of the 20th century. The tract of land on which the dwelling was erected was sold to Edward Rider in 1830. Rider's Thornton Farm was located on this tract. Harrison Rider's name appears next to a cluster of buildings, most likely including the extant dwelling, depicted in this location in the 1877 county atlas. By 1898, Mrs. E. Stevenson resided in the dwelling. It was most likely during the property's ownership by Mrs. George Blackiston that the Tudor Revival style ornament was added. Although Blackiston's tax account listed the \$10,000 building as "new" in 1914, photographic evidence reveals that the Harrison Rider House was instead altered. The 1915 county atlas indicates the property retained the name Thornton Farm through the early 20th century. Several owners later, the property was finally conveyed to 1812 Landrake Road, LLC, a firm that has converted the building into an assisted living facility. Over the last fifty years, the setting of the Harrison Rider House has changed greatly, mostly by the 1950 subdivision of the Rider farm.

The two-and-a-half-story stucco-parged house sits on a solid random rubble stone foundation. The circa 1870 building was extensively altered circa 1910, resulting in the dwelling's Tudor Revival appearance. The structure now features an irregular footprint with a gable-front and wing form with a cross gable roof articulated by a jerkinhead above the projecting front-gabled section. A two-and-a-half-story ell projects from the rear of the building. A central interior chimney and an interior end chimney, both of which are parged with stucco, rise from the structure's roof. The roof, clad in slate tiles, is marked by the presence on the wing of three gabled dormers, each of which features two paired 9/1 windows below applied half-timbering. Entry is through the first story of the wing, which has been altered and now features a central six-panel single-leaf wood door with five-light sidelights and a five-light transom flanked by four two-light sliding vinyl doors on the enclosed porch with a flat roof. The second story of the wing is pierced by five 6/6 windows. The front-gabled bay features a full-width first story canted bay with five eighteen-light casement windows and a half-hipped roof clad in slate tiles. Two paired 4/4 windows pierce the second story. The gable peak, also ornamented with applied half-timbering, is pierced by two paired Queen Anne double hung windows. Circa 1997, a three-story vinyl-sided elevator shaft was constructed on the northwest corner of the wing. A three-bay-wide circa 1930 garage is also located on the property.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-1161

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Harrison Rider House (preferred)

other Rider Family House

### 2. Location

street and number 1812 Landrake Road not for publication

city, town Baltimore vicinity

county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name 1812 Landrake Road, LLC

street and number 1812 Landrake Road telephone Not Available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21204

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 12318 folio 127

city, town Towson tax map 60 tax parcel 613 tax ID number 0803003570

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

1

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Although exterior architectural analysis could not fully determine the date of construction for the Harrison Rider House, prior documentation and the initial exterior survey support a circa 1870 date for the two-and-a-half-story stucco-parged house on a solid random rubble stone foundation. The building was extensively altered circa 1910, resulting in the dwelling's Tudor Revival appearance. The structure now features an irregular footprint with a gable-front and wing form with a cross gable roof articulated by a jerkinhead above the projecting front-gabled section. A two-and-a-half-story ell projects from the rear of the building. A central interior chimney and an interior end chimney, both of which are parged with stucco, rise from the structure's roof. The roof, clad in slate tiles, is marked by the presence on the wing of three gabled dormers, each of which features two paired 9/1 windows below applied half-timbering. Entry is through the first story of the wing, which has been altered and now features a central six-panel single-leaf wood door with five-light sidelights and a five-light transom flanked by four two-light sliding vinyl doors on the enclosed porch with a flat roof. The second story of the wing is pierced by five 6/6 windows. The front-gabled bay features a full-width first story canted bay with five eighteen-light casement windows and a half-hipped roof clad in slate tiles. Two paired 4/4 windows pierce the second story. The gable peak, also ornamented with applied half-timbering, is pierced by two paired Queen Anne double hung windows. All façade openings have square-edged wood surrounds and sills. Circa 1997, a three-story vinyl-sided elevator shaft was constructed on the northwest corner of the wing.

A circa 1930 garage is also located on the property. The one-and-a-half-story building is three-bays-wide with an asphalt-shingled hipped roof, stucco-parged structural system, and three sash-and-paneled roll-up wood doors. A central dormer window with a half-hipped roof and one one-light window projects from the roof. The building features a single interior parged chimney.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** 1870 ca.-1997 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1870 ca., 1910 ca., 1997 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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The land now encompassing the community formerly known as Riderwood Station and Post Office began to take shape as early as 1850, when the Northern Central Railroad extended north roughly parallel with the present Bellona Avenue and intersected with West Joppa Road. The town took its name from the Rider family, who owned significant amounts of land at this intersection. The 1850 county atlas reveals the land as improved with a cotton mill, general store, schoolhouse, and Hunt's Meetinghouse.<sup>4</sup> The farms that traversed the landscape were subdivided over the next twenty-seven years, and by 1877, many additional dwellings were constructed in the area.<sup>5</sup> Located west of Towson and south of Lutherville, Riderwood appears to have been the

<sup>1</sup> Baltimore County Historic Inventory. Due to the extensive alteration of the exterior fabric, exterior architectural analysis could not verify whether or not a portion of the extant building is Edward Rider's house.

<sup>2</sup> *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).

<sup>3</sup> Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

<sup>4</sup> J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

<sup>5</sup> *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).

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location of a few country houses owned by wealthy families. The Walnut Hill, Chestnut Summit, and Rider family estates were located here. The 1915 county atlas confirms that Riderwood was a suburban residential community along the railroad line.<sup>6</sup> By 1915, several large suburban estates fronted West Joppa Road and Bellona Avenue, and the area retains its turn-of-the-twentieth century character.

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<sup>6</sup> *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.W. Bromley, 1915).

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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*Map of Baltimore County.* Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915.

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Sidney, J. C. *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys.* Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .50 Acre

Acreage of historical setting 123 Acres

Quadrangle name Cockeysville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1870, the Harrison Rider House has been associated with the 1.81 acres of land known as tax parcel 613 of map 60 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

## 11. Form Prepared by

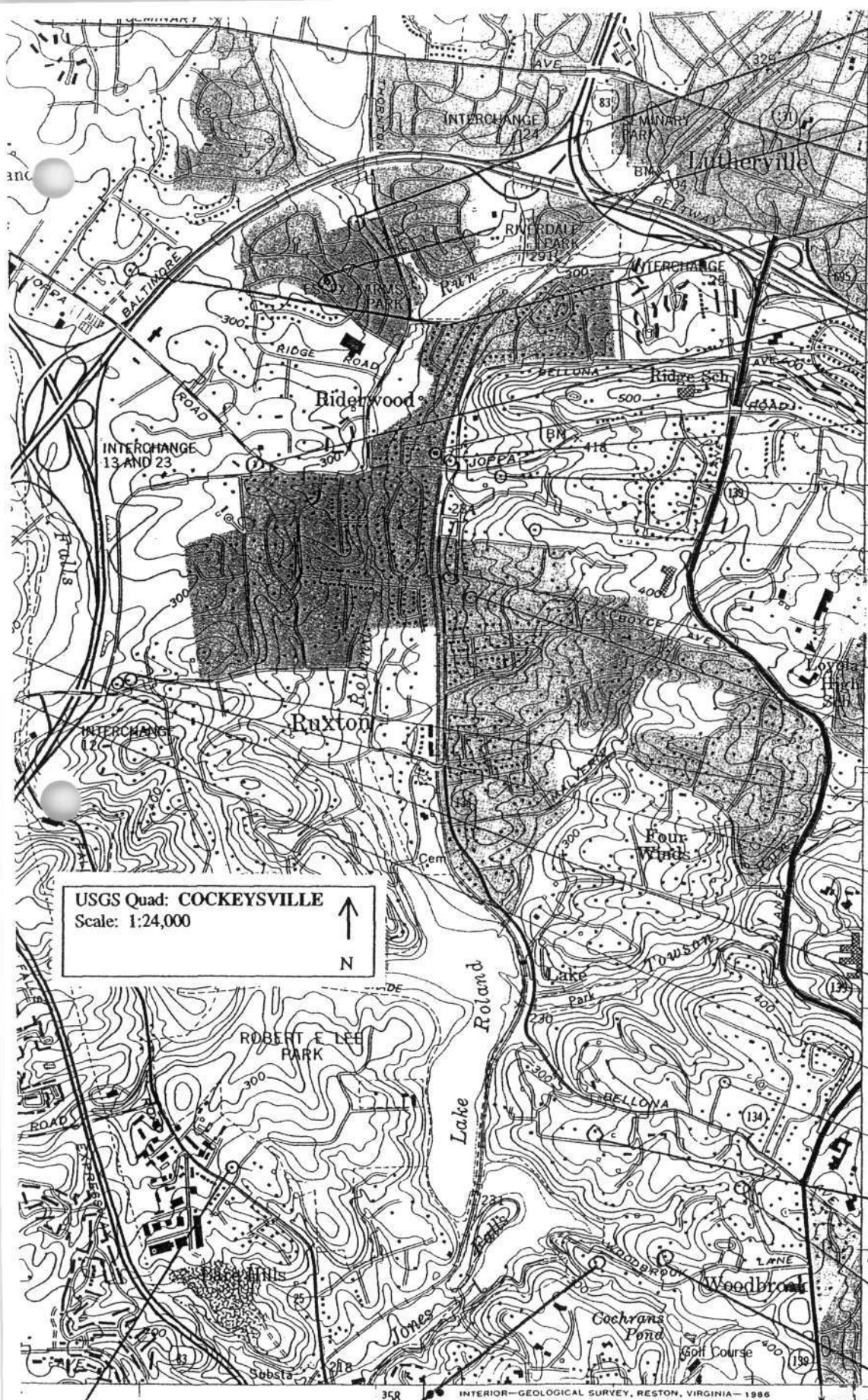
name/title	A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	May 23, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600





USGS Quad: COCKEYSVILLE  
Scale: 1:24,000  
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BA-1167  
8308 THORNTON ROAD  
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1161  
1812 LANDRALE ROAD  
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0525  
8807 WHITE MANOR DRIVE  
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0216  
1901 WEST JOPPA ROAD  
RIDGELY, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2141  
1006 WEST JOPPA ROAD  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2359  
1800 WEST JOPPA ROAD  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2425  
1517 WEST JOPPA ROAD  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1775  
1400 WALNUT HILL LANE  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2140  
7106 SHERWOOD AVENUE  
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2360  
1500 OLD ORCHARD LANE  
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2202  
2004 RUXTON ROAD  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2203  
2008 RUXTON ROAD  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2644  
10145 FALLS ROAD  
BROOKLANDSVILLE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2372

BA-1777  
7205 BELLONA AVENUE  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2230  
7309 BRIGHTSIDE ROAD  
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2356  
14 MEADOW ROAD  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2357  
104 WOODBROOK LANE  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2358  
211 WOODBROOK LANE  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- |                  |       |                 |       |
|------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| Heavy-duty       | ————— | Light-duty      | ————— |
| Medium-duty      | ————— | Unimproved dirt | ----- |
| Interstate Route | ⬢     | U. S. Route     | ⬢     |
|                  |       | State Route     | ⬢     |





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1812 LANDRAKE ROAD, BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

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1812 LANDRAKE ROAD, BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD  
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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

4/2001

MD SHPO

W ELEVATION

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1812 LANDRAKE ROAD, BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

4/2001

MD SHPO

GARAGE

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CAPSULE  
THORNTON

The Riders, after whom Riderwood takes its name, date back at least as far as the early 19th century. While little is left of the original house that stood on this site, there is a fine Victorian building marking "Thornton" as the Rider family homestead.

It is a large dwelling with a vertical thrust which makes it even more commanding of a hilltop site. Such decorative features as a jerkin head roof and half timbering in the gables make it late Victorian in appearance.

In addition to being the nucleus of a large farm that eventually spawned one of the Towson areas largest neighborhoods Thornton also holds the distinction of having been the residence of one of Americas early film actors Francis X. Bushman.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Thornton

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1812 Landrake Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Ninth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Arlen K. St. John

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1812 Landrake Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Liber #: 5820

Folio #: 672

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

BA-1161

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE Jan., 1979

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The dwelling house of the Edward Rider estate, known as Thornton, is a 2½ story structure; a modified T-plan with east and west projections. The main block, believed to be the original portion, is five bays wide, and two bays deep. The exterior walls are covered with stucco and are topped with a gable end slate roof with deep eaves. There is an interior end chimney on both the east and west ends. A single story porch covers the first level and is covered by a roof supported by six doric columns. There are pilasters on each end and a tongue and groove ceiling.

The three openings of the first level consist of a central entrance flanked by two large windows of 6/6 sash. Both windows have side lights of 2/2 sash. The entrance has a five light transom. Other features include the wavy glass of the window panes and the wide dog ear moulding around each doorway and window.

The second story has three evenly spaced 6/6 sash windows with wooden frames.

Three gabled dormers projecting from the roof contain two 9/1 sash windows. The deep eaves of these gabled dormers compare to those of the main roof, especially so in containing tongue and groove soffit.

A most interesting feature of these dormers is the timbering effect which adds to the distinct character of the building.

The south facade of the easternmost projection has a jerkin head roof. There is half timbering in the gable end which is vented by a double 11/1 sash window. A single pair of 4/4 sash light the second story while a large bay window with two 18 light casements occupy the first level. This bay window may be a later alteration due to the fact that the foundation is of cut block with beaded grouting.

The east facade has similar appearance. The main block is five bays deep with a north extension. A swell front with a exaggerated gable and deep eaves is the most prominent feature of this facade. The fenestration is a regular 4/4 sash.

The roof contains two dormers; one very much like the other dormers, the other somewhat smaller with a shed roof and a four light casement.

A large full basement is composed of uncoursed rubble walls which have been white washed. This basement reflects the asymmetry of the entire house, as well as the original center hall plan of the main block. A wall in ruins divided the cellar into two towards the west end.

There are chimney supports on the east and west ends of the main block, the east measuring 7' wide, projecting 23". On the west end, iron arches support an iron plate which were probably placed after a hearth had been removed. Brick piers exist above the stone walls.

Other details include stads and braces with cut nails, and circular sawn flooring.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**



**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 3rd Quarter 19th century (RENOVATION - Early 20th century)

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baltimore County Land Records  
 Baltimore County Will Records  
 Baltimore County Tax Assessment Records

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

See Attachment

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

WAYNE L. NIELD, II  
 HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

D. G. Owings

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

CHAIN OF TITLE FOR RIDER ESTATE - THORNTON  
Parcel 613, Map 60

<u>LIBER</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>
5820	672	October 28, 1977	Richard F. Cadigan & wf.	Arlen K. St. John
Beginning...west side of Carrbridge Circle being distant 344.91' from north side of Landrake Road...containing 2.92 acres.				
4230	260	November 14, 1963	Thornleigh, Inc.	Richard F. Cadigan & wf.
3535	283	May 29, 1959	Eli C. Wareheim et al	Thornleigh, Inc.
Beginning...center line of Ridge Road...containing 98.4448 acres				
1459	102	May 1, 1946	Roland R. MacKenzie & wf.	Eli C. Wareheim et al
containing 100.35 acres.				
1411	481	November 9, 1945	Burton P. Hoffman & hus.	Roalnd R. MacKenzie & wf.
990	175	December 21, 1936	Cambridge Court, Inc.	Burton P. Hoffman
Containing 153.410 acres				
990	171	December 21, 1936	Cambridge Court, Inc.	Gertrude L. Zell
MORTGAGE				
990	169	December 21, 1936	Gertrude L. Zell	Cambridge Court, Inc.
By way of Will 30/362 - Arthur Stanley Zell to Gertrude L. Zell, wife				
522	248	February 12, 1920	Title Guarantee & Trust, Co. Arthur Stanley Zell	
1) Containing 106.85 acres:				
462	233	May 16, 1916	Title Guarantee & Trust, Co.	Francie X. Bushman
LEASE				

462	231	May 16, 1916	Maud B. Blakiston	Title Guarantee & Trust, Co.
439	40	November 30, 1914	W. Bernard Duke & wf.	Maud B. Blakiston
155	178	September 1, 1886	John G. Rider	Elizabeth Stevenson
Including within the following 7 deeds:				
124	265	August 27, 1881	Harrison Rider	William Rider
124	326	September 5, 1881		
131	194			
AWB	431	307		
13	54			
21	371			
WG	158	626		

2) Containing 37.41 acres (referred to from deed 522/248):

478	403	April 23, 1917	W. Bernard Duke	Francis X. Bushman
LEASE				

428	226	April 8, 1914	Howard L. Rider & wf.	W. Bernard Duke
Containing 61 acres				

201	236	July 9, 1893	Edward Rider of J. et al	Howard L. Rider
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(from the last will and testament of John G. Rider 9/457...to his children Edward, Jennie, Harrison, and Howard provided that Howard had option to take farm upon said testator dwells known as La grange and the lot on the ridge containing about 30 acres.)

Part of the following three deeds:

8	424	June 5, 1854		
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Part of tract called "Young Richard 27 acres, 3 roods, 4 perches Edward Rider purchased from Thomas D. Cockey

13 54 August 20, 1855

farm the said John G. Rider now lives on and occupies known by the name of Wilkins Farm adjoining the land of John Cockey, Samuel Hunt Jesse Hunt, the Old Court Rd. and Edward Rider containing 111 acres.

26 47 April 28, 1859

from deed dated April 12, 1858 Samuel C. Hunt to Edward Rider.



## Tax Assessments

## 1876 Tax Assessment Record for Baltimore County District 9

Edward Rider

Tract "Malverne" N.C.R.R. 200 acres at \$ 100	\$ 20,000
Dwelling, \$ 1200 Barn, \$ 800	2,000
Outbuildings	305

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\$ 22,305

972 acres N. side Joppa Rd. \$ 50	475 (?)
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Furniture - \$ 465 Live stock - \$ 545	1,010
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Farm implements - \$ 260 Carriages - \$ 185	445
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\$ 24,235

## 1896 Tax Assessment Record for Baltimore County District 9

Edward Rider Estate

Ruxton N.C.R.R.

85 acres Farm Land near Ruxton @ \$ 225 per acre

7 acres of Land bordering on Joppa road \$ 40 per acre

Dwelling &amp; out buildings \$ 4,000

Horses &amp; Mules

Cattle

Furniture

Vehicles Surrey

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT  
EDWARD RIDER

Edward Rider Last Will & Testament  
Will Book 3, folio 158 November 23, 1866

To wife Rachel - "I...will...thay my beloved wife Rachel shall have a home  
in the house in which I reside..."

To sons John G. and Edward - the lot known as "Gibbs Lot" containing 20 acres  
to be divided between them, "the lower half there-  
of with the house to said John G. and his heirs  
and the upper half to said Edward..."

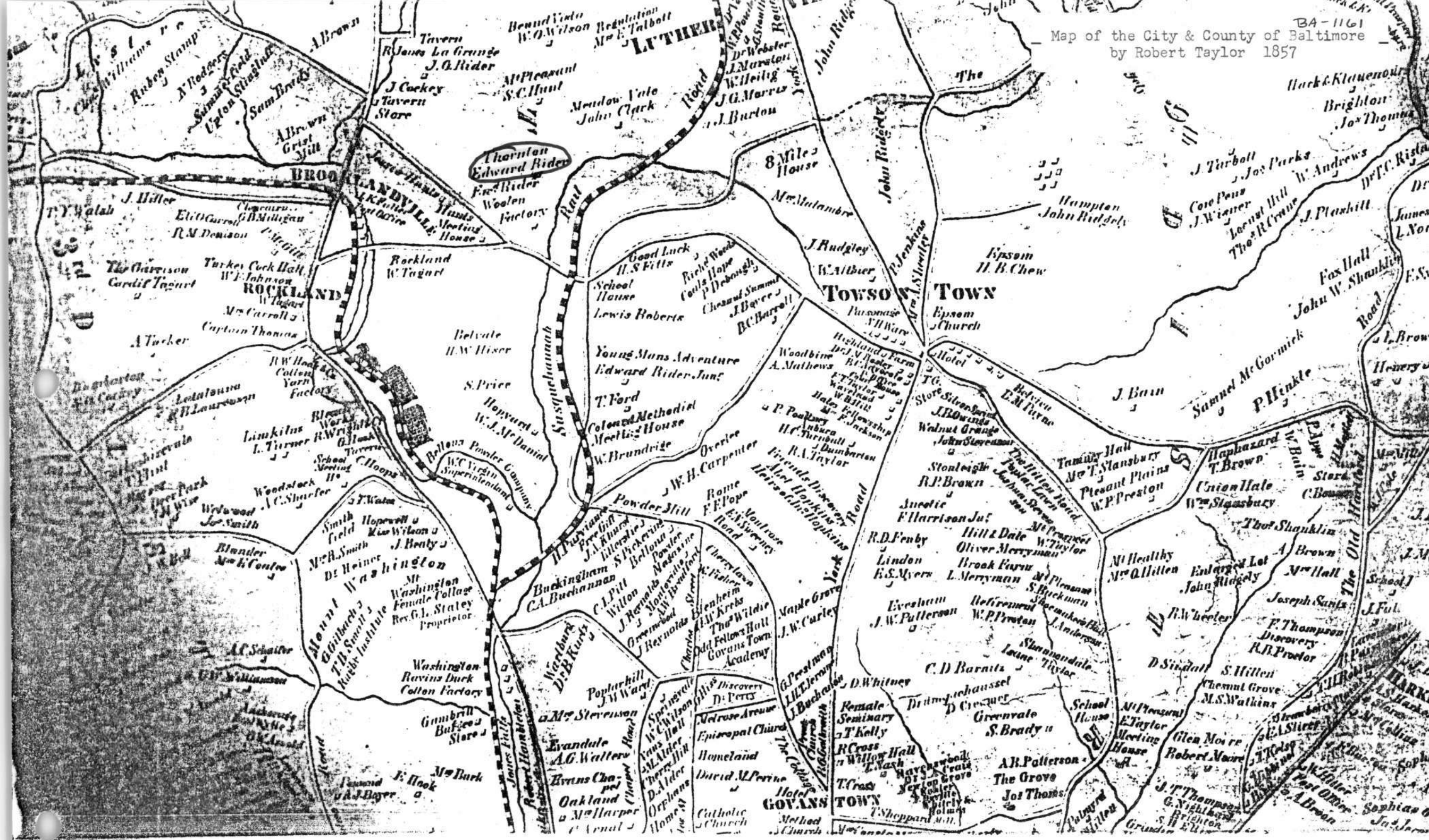
To son Louis Job Rider - "...the stone house farm Beginning at the northeast  
corner of John G. Rider field and running down with  
the present fence to the thorn bush, thence along  
the center of the land to the country road, the said  
land to be used in common by him and my son Harrison,  
thence northerly along said public road to a stone  
in the 265 perches line of Addition to Gills Hope,  
thence eastwardly with said line to its end, to a  
black stone marked G thence at right anble southerly  
6 perches parallel with the country road till it in-  
tersects the division line between my lands and those  
of Henry C. Turnbull; and also two fields lying east  
of and adjoining the Northern Central Rail Road."

"I give...to my said son Louis Job Rider the sum of  
fifteen hundred dollars to enable him to build an  
addition to the stone house."

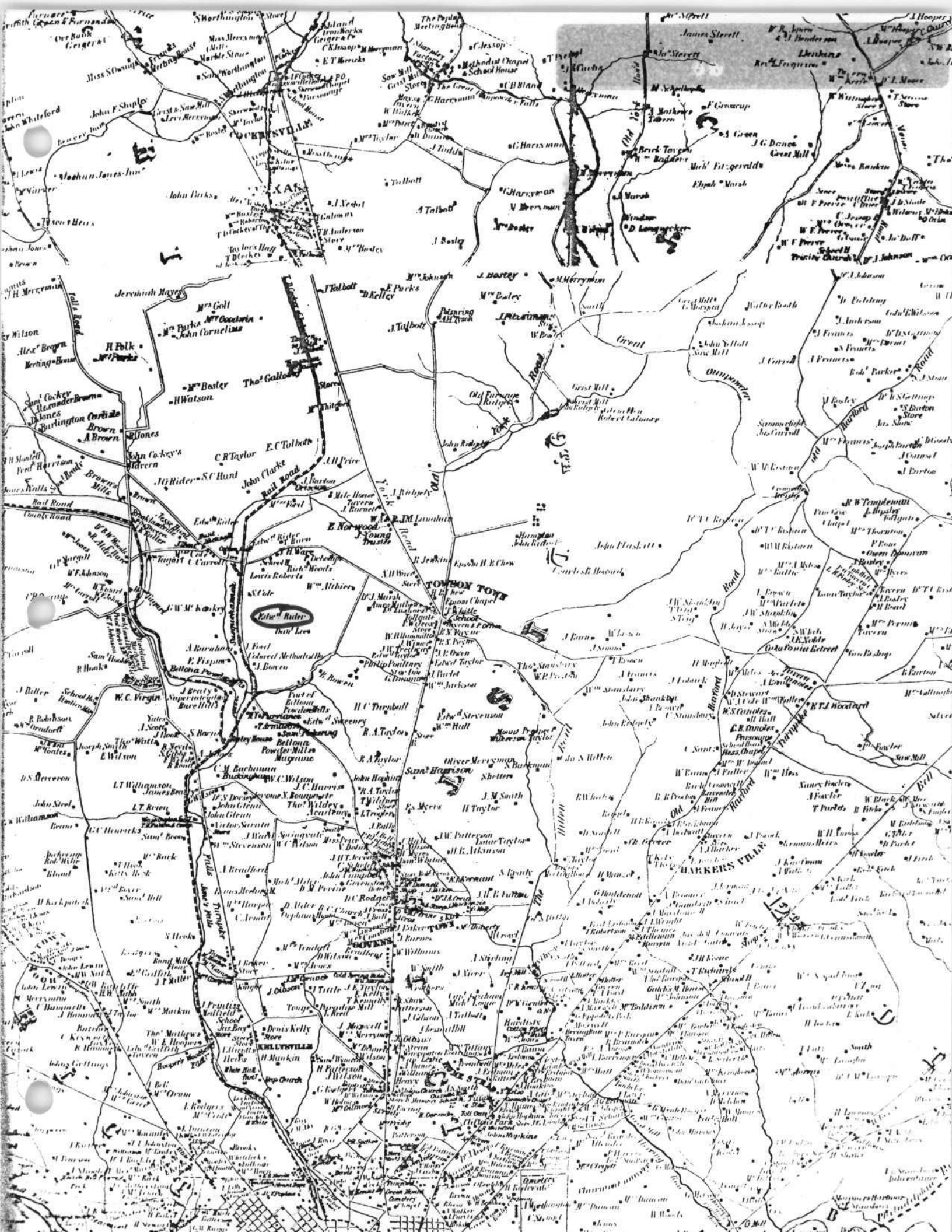
To son Harrison - "...land lying North of the line of that above devised to  
my son Louis Job Rider including part of the home place  
and that purchased by me from Samuel Hunt and which lies  
adjoining the lands of John Clark."

Children of Edward and Rachel Rider:

John G.	Abraham	Elizabeth
Edward	Angeline	Harrison
William	Louis Job	Mary







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